

# Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

## CoC Collaborative Committee

May 17, 2023 Minutes

### Welcome & Agenda Review

Adam Mennig welcomed everyone and asked people to enter their name in the Chat and include an email address if we don't have it. People new to the group introduced themselves. Kudos were shared in appreciation of people throughout the region.

### Committee Business

**Minutes** - Robin Winkle motioned and Chris Barber seconded approval of the 4/19/23 meeting minutes. Approved by consensus.

### Regional Data - What do we know? What do we wish we knew?

Jan Calvin led a discussion about regional data, starting with the 2023 PIT Count.

- What are the benefits of the PIT Count?
  - *Doing the PIT Count helps the region get HUD funding.* Jan clarified that HUD requires CoCs to conduct a PIT Count every other year to be eligible to receive CoC funding. The amount of funding has little to do with how many people are counted.
  - *Can compare year to year.* However, the group noted that there are many variables that make year-to-year comparisons problematic, including weather, the number of volunteers, and the other resources applied to conducting the count.
- What are the “pitfalls” of PIT data?
  - As noted above, variables make year-to-year comparisons problematic.
  - As a one-day census, it does not tell us how many people are homeless, just how many were counted through that process.
  - Children are severely undercounted (see McKinney Vento information on unsheltered, unaccompanied minors)
- What data would you like to have and why?
  - Data that we have more confidence in – to identify the gaps and needs.
  - Data that provides an understanding about who is served and who it not (race, gender, age, chronically homeless, disabled)
  - McKinney Vento school data – to see the range of housing instability.
  - Length of time in the community or last city where housed – to better understand home community and mobility.

The group reviewed data about racial disproportionality of people known to be homeless, engaged in services, and having a housing move-in date. This data was included in the community plan responding to the Governor's Executive Order 23-02 and can be found on the Alliance website at [Marion-Polk-ALL-IN-Regional-Plan-3.31.23.pdf \(mwvhomelessalliance.org\)](#)

Many people expressed interest in continuing data discussions and learning how to use regional data to better understand and address homelessness.

### **Data Dashboard**

Jan provided an update on the progress toward establishing a CoC data dashboard and shared an example of a program-focused dashboard currently hosted by OHCS. The current data shows only programs funded by OHCS, but the plan is to expand it to include all programs that use HMIS.

Since OHCS is populating the program-focused dashboard, the CoC is creating a population-focused dashboard. It is being modeled on Lane County's dashboard. People were asked to visit the different sites to get an idea of what's being put together.

### **Data / Dashboard Links**

1. OHCS-funded Programs dashboard: [Homeless Services Programs FY22 | Tableau Public](#)
2. Lane County introduction page: [Homelessness in Lane County - Lane County](#)
3. **Modeling our dashboard on: [Homelessness in Lane County, Oregon | Tableau Public](#)**
4. PIT Count by State: [CoC Homeless Populations and Subpopulations Reports - HUD Exchange](#)
5. 2023 PIT Count, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance: [2023-Public-Summary.pdf \(mwvhomelessalliance.org\)](#)

### **MINI-TRAINING: Medicaid/OHP Enrollment**

Elaine Lozier from PacificSource provided information about how to ensure people retain or gain enrollment in the Oregon Health Plan. Slides from the presentation are posted on the Collaborative Committee page of the Alliance website: [CoC Collaborative Committee – Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance \(mwvhomelessalliance.org\)](#)

### **Collaborative Committee Purpose, Focus, and Agenda Plans**

Ideas were shared by the small group that volunteered to meet with the Co-chairs to do agenda planning. Everyone was asked to complete two short surveys by June 1 to guide future agenda planning. Jan will send an email, and the surveys can be found on the Collaborative Committee page of the Alliance website: [CoC Collaborative Committee – Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance \(mwvhomelessalliance.org\)](#)

### **MWVHA Board Highlights**

Ian and Adam, who serve on the CoC Board, reported that contracts for 11 new projects were recently approved, providing more than \$9 million to create low-barrier shelter beds and rapidly rehouse people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The funding was leveraged through the Governor's Executive Order, the goals of which are to be met by January 2024.

Ian reminded everyone that the CoC is recruiting for an executive director who will take over the duties that Janet Carlson has fulfilled as the board administrator and budget officer, along with other leadership responsibilities. The director is expected to be hired in June so there is time for cross training before Janet completes her contract at the end of the month.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023